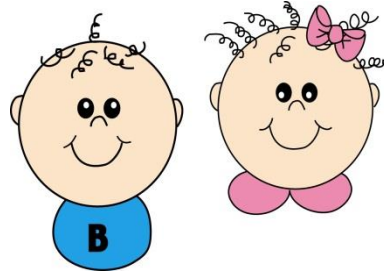


# Angel Creek Preschool

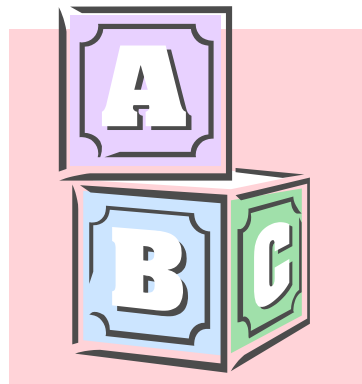
## Explorer Curriculum

(18 months – 23 months)



For the young Explorer, playing and learning are complementary. Explorers are naturally hard at work learning important physical skills as they gain muscle control, balance, and coordination. Mastering physical skills should be fun for them. In the Angel Creek Preschool Program, Explorers are encouraged to run, dance, jump, and climb as part of their gross motor development. Fine motor skills are developed with activities such as coloring, stacking blocks and playing with sand and play dough.

In addition to these physical accomplishments, Explorers are developing language skills that will increase their understanding and abilities to communicate. Opportunities are provided to examine, ask questions, use imaginations, and to practice rapidly increasing vocabulary. Nursery rhymes, songs, routine prayers, and dramatic play all encourage strong language acquisition.



Teachers will help foster a loving, secure and reassuring environment for the children while they are at school. Children are encouraged to develop a sense of independence however separation anxiety is a normal experience for Explorers. Support will also be given to parents, as they too may have separation anxiety. Daily reports and communication will help encourage a sense of trust and security between teachers and families.

Teachers give Explorers many opportunities to practice their developing skills throughout each day, while providing caring supervision so they stay safe while they play and learn.